



# Writing Scripters

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**Around the world...**

**Hello schoolmates! In this issue, we will 'visit' Japan and England. Come and join us!**

## Cosplay Gurus



**H**ave you heard about cosplay? I guess you do. But how much do you know about it? Let us explore more together.

Cosplay is the short form of 'costume play'. It is a type of performance art. Cosplayers wear costumes and accessories to represent a specific character or idea from a work of fiction. There are different kinds of clothing styles, such as Lolita, punk and maid clothing.



Cosplay originates from Japan in the 1980s and has become popular in Hong Kong around 1993. In mid 1990s, the culture of cosplay started to get the attention of the media. Cosplay events are more frequent too. Later, Hong Kong cosplayers started to role-play different types of characters - not only Japanese cartoon characters, but also local TV characters.



Many cosplayers get involved because they love the background and image of some cartoon characters. Cosplay keeps budding in Hong Kong and the number of cosplayers is on the rise.

Despite the increasing popularity, some die-hard cosplayers think those who are new to cosplaying are not professional, as they only put on the costumes but are not aware of the background information of the characters.



Nowadays, the number of cosplayers is still increasing because of the popularity of the Internet and extensive reports of the media.





In some local universities, cosplaying is a popular activity. Last year, there were events held by the Animation and Comics Association of Hong Kong University. The association aims at promoting cartoons and comics, and strives to strengthen the communication of cartoon lovers. Different events are held regularly, such as talks, gatherings and cosplay events. They are important in boosting the development of the cartoon culture.



**H**ow about our school, you may ask? We have interviewed a cosplayer in our school. Let's see what she said:

**WS:** *Writing Scripters*

**CP:** *a TKP cosplayer*

**WS:** Why do you cosplay?

**CP:** I can feel a sense of accomplishment. I feel like I can do something on my own.

**WS:** It looks like you need a lot of money. How much do you spend?

**CP:** I usually spend more than \$200 every time.

**WS:** Where can you find the people who share the same interest?

**CP:** In Facebook and the member website of 'Hong Kong Cosplayer'.

**WS:** So, do you think you can learn anything in cosplaying?

**CP:** Yes, I have learnt a lot, such as making clothes.

**WS:** It sounds fun. Then have you joined any competitions?

**CP:** No, but I think I may some day.

**WS:** I see. Lastly, what do your parents think? Would they worry about you?

**CP:** Well, they do...they worry about me because they think my costumes are too sexy.



# Cosplay in our school...



On 6 March, a cosplay competition was held by the English Society.

Let's take a look at what happened on the day:



# Have your say!

What do they think about cosplay and animation? Let's see what they think.



My favourite animation? Princess Mononoke. I love animals. I think wolves are cool! My favourite male character is Naruto. He is so smart! I also like some characters who wear glasses. Do I want to try cosplay? Yes! I guess it would be special and amazing!

I don't like watching animation because I think it's boring and the characters are ugly. I don't want to try cosplay either because I think it's ugly. None of my friends are doing cosplay.



My favourite female character is Koizumi Hanayo since she's cute, lovely, glamorous and beautiful. However, I am not interested in cosplay because I think it's a waste of time.

## Editors' pick

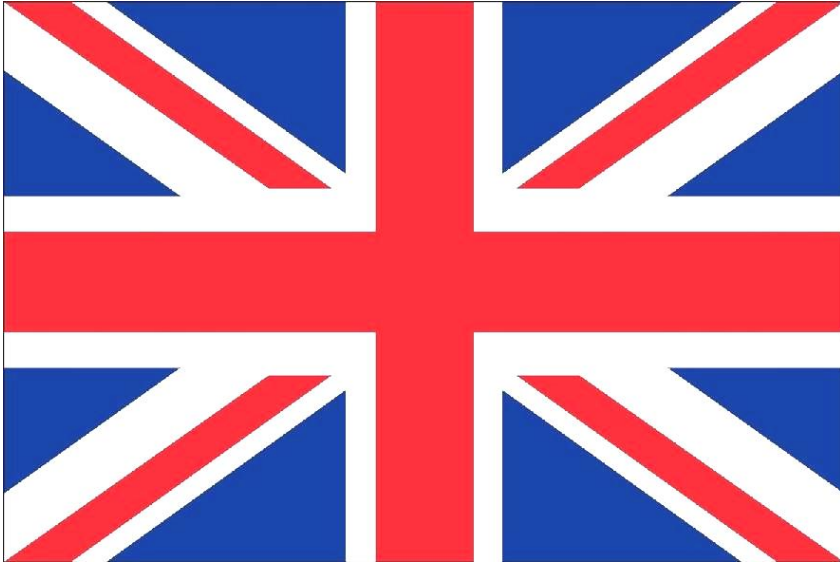
Do you remember the cosplay competition in school? We think it's successful. All participants and the audience seemed to be really excited and enjoyed it very much!

So, who was the champion of this cosplay competition? He's 'Snow White' from 3D. In fact, he was Cinderella but the screen showed otherwise.

We had asked him about his feeling. He said he was nervous since he didn't have a helper. Luckily, his friends from other classes helped him out and he was very grateful for that. Also, he was surprised and very touched because he didn't expect to win. He wanted to express his gratitude to the judges.

We hope you enjoy the English activities in the school!

# How much do you know about the United Kingdom?



In the coming summer holiday, some of our schoolmates will join the school study tour to the United Kingdom. Why don't we learn a bit about the country here?

The United Kingdom (UK) is a sovereign state located off the north-western coast of continental Europe. The country includes the island of Great Britain, the north-eastern part of the island of Ireland, and many smaller islands.

Here let us introduce some interesting sightseeing spots, the most popular sport and the most famous food of the UK.



## Interesting sightseeing spots

London is the largest city in the UK. Let us 'visit' London now!

### The Big Ben

The Big Ben was a clock tower designed by Augustus Pugin. The clock dials are set in an iron frame 23 feet in diameter, supporting around 300 pieces of glass. At the base of each clock dial in gilt letters is the Latin inscription:

*DOMINE SALVAM FAC REGINAM NOSTRAM  
VICTORIAM PRIMAM*

Do you know what it means?

It means 'O Lord, keep safe our Queen Victoria the First'.

The clock is also a representative of the country so you can often see it in films. The Big Ben is definitely the most popular landmark in the UK.

In London, besides the Big Ben, there are more famous sightseeing spots like the Trafalgar Square, the London Eye and the Buckingham Palace.

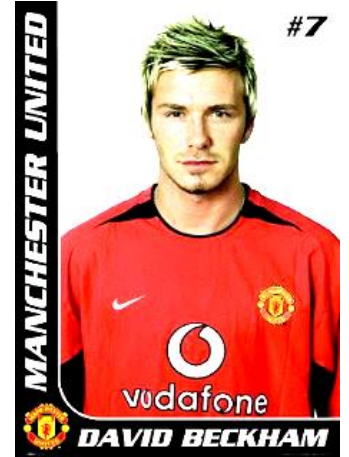


### The most popular sport

The most popular sport in the UK has to be football. There are many well-know football teams, like Chelsea, Liverpool and Manchester United. Here, let us introduce Manchester United, or Man U as they are called in the country.



Man U is based in the city of Manchester in the Northwest of the UK. The team has won many trophies in English football, including a record of 20 league titles, a record of 11 FA Cups and 4 League Cups. They have also won 3 European Cups.



There are a lot of celebrities in Man U. The most famous is Alex Ferguson, the Scottish manager of the team. He is the brainchild of the success of Man U. Many famous players have played for Man U, including Ryan Giggs, David Beckham and Cristiano Ronaldo.

## Delicious British cuisine

Lastly, we couldn't do without eating, so let us see what the most famous food in the UK is.

The first one is fish and chips. Fish and chips is a take-away food which consists of battered fish and deep-fried chips, sometimes accompanied by mushy peas and tartar sauce. The dish originated in Great Britain in the 19th century, where the fish served is commonly cod or haddock. It became popular in London and South East England very soon.



The second one is Yorkshire pudding. Made of milk, water, egg and flour, it originated from the north of England. Mostly, it is served with British Sunday lunch. It could be served either sweet or savoury.

**Lastly, we hope you enjoy this issue!**



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